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TITLE: Bioactive Peptides, Uses Thereof, and Process for the Production of Same

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 25, 2002. Applicant submits an amendment to the claims as well as a Request for Three-Month Extension of Time to extend the period of reply to December 25, 2002, with a check for the appropriate fee.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace Claim 17 with amended Claim 17.

Please see marked up version of Claim 17 to aid the Examiner in the identification of changes.

Please delete Claims 18-21 without prejudice and without admitting anticipation.